

ANTI-INTERFERON- α ANTIBODIES

Abstract of the Disclosure

The present invention relates generally to the generation and characterization of neutralizing anti-IFN- α monoclonal antibodies with broad reactivity against various IFN- α subtypes. The invention further relates to the use of such anti-IFN- α antibodies in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders associated with increased expression of IFN- α , in particular, autoimmune disorders such as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM) and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE).

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